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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert P. Bourdelais, et al

COMBINATION OF IMAGING  
MEMBER AND FUNCTIONAL BASE  
FOR NEW UTILITY

Serial No. 09/932,624

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Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: Catherine Simone

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

RESPONSE

In the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 restriction has been required.

The applicant has been required to elect from 13 species, A-N set forth by the Examiner.

The applicant elects species C, claim 15, with traverse.

The applicant respectfully urges that restriction is not proper in this application. It is respectfully urged that the various species pointed out by the Examiner do not require separate searches. Efficient and effective examination may be carried out with examination of all species in one search. Therefore, it is respectfully urged that this species election requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn and that all claims be examined in this application at this time.

An early action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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